

Meeting Community Needs with Effectiveness and Fiscal Restraint

The Adopted FY 2007-2008 Operating Budget plans the use of available financial resources to ensure our continued commitment to the highest quality of public services, including:

- expanding the presence of police patrols, through reorganization and staffing increases, to combat crime and improve public safety;
- addressing our community's need for affordable housing through community redevelopment;
- preparing for service expansion associated with proposed annexation;
- providing funding for replacement equipment and new and ongoing capital projects that match citizen needs and community opportunities; and
- coordinating operations with respect to recognized priorities, preventing unnecessary growth in government and citizen tax burden.

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Introduction to the Budget & Summary Information

What is the Budget?

Technically, the Budget is an annual ordinance adopted by the City Council that authorizes the City to collect revenues and make expenditures for specified public services.

The Budget prepared by City Staff provides the foundation for Council's review of government operations, representing a fiscal plan for the coming year and an operations guide that incorporates policies and goals into the day-to-day business of government.

Budgets are adopted on the basis of a fiscal year, which starts every July 1 and ends June 30 each year.

How is the Budget Prepared?

The City Manager proposes the annual budget to the City Council for their review, modification, and adoption. Initially, City departments submit financial proposals indicating necessary funding and staffing levels for providing existing services, as well as necessary expansion.

The City Manager's Office reviews these proposals, taking guidance from policy enacted by the City Council to consolidate requests into an operating budget that reflects community priorities. Revenues are also evaluated to determine their anticipated levels for the coming budget year and make necessary changes for consideration by the City Council with the proposed budget.

Once a reliable revenue plan is finalized, expenditures are brought in line with the available financial resources, resulting in a balanced budget.

Proposed Budget Summary

Fund	06-07 Budget	07-08 Adopted	% Change
General	\$48,736,951	\$50,365,270	3.3%
Powell Bill	\$4,062,320	\$2,131,000	-47.5%
Emergency Telephone	\$380,000	\$390,000	2.6%
Debt Service	\$3,459,768	\$2,631,285	-23.9%
General Capital	\$2,323,450	\$1,825,000	-21.5%
Electric	\$88,111,828	\$83,321,365	-5.4%
Gas	\$28,061,874	\$30,049,968	7.1%
Water	\$11,944,838	\$10,453,731	-12.5%
Sewer	\$15,724,273	\$12,793,636	-18.6%
Stormwater	\$4,345,650	\$3,441,000	-20.8%
Total Budget	\$207,150,952	\$197,402,255	-4.7%

Modest growth in the local economy has resulted in continued, yet slow revenue increases. Increasing costs, especially for raw materials, and caution regarding the future of local industry require us to maintain a conservative fiscal position and to focus funding on specific priorities, which include:

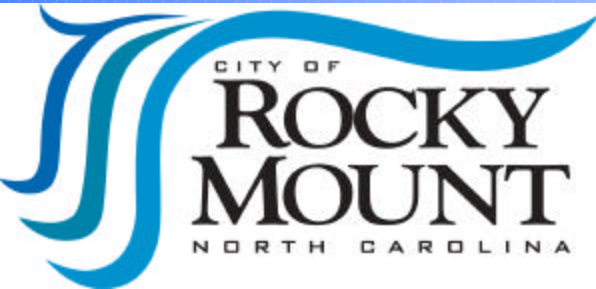
- ensuring public safety;
- improving the quality and availability of affordable housing; and
- preparing for service expansion resulting from upcoming annexation.

The revenue plan for FY 2007-2008 does not include an increase in ad valorem taxes and proposes only a few changes:

- 2.5% increase in water rates to cover inflation in treatment chemical costs;
- increases to the transfer station fee and commercial disposal rates to improve cost recovery; and
- minor changes to other fees, reflecting simplification of schedules and recovery of associated costs.

FY 2007-2008 Adopted Annual Operating Budget

- *Funding Essential Services*
- *Ensuring Public Safety*
- *Utilizing Responsible Fiscal Planning*
- *Meeting Growing Community Needs*
- *Improving Quality of Life*
- *Meeting Community Expectations*



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City of Rocky Mount FY 2007-2008 Adopted Annual Operating Budget

The FY 2007-2008 Adopted Annual Budget totals \$197,402,255, a 4.7% decrease from the FY 2006-2007 Revised Budget. The budget is comprised of 10 funds that cover the City's operations, including general government, capital projects, roadways and sidewalks, and utilities.

Staffing Changes

The proposed budget authorizes 930 positions, with 28 being frozen for part or all of the fiscal year. The budget also fully funds the City's pay for performance system and provides resources for a compensation plan study.

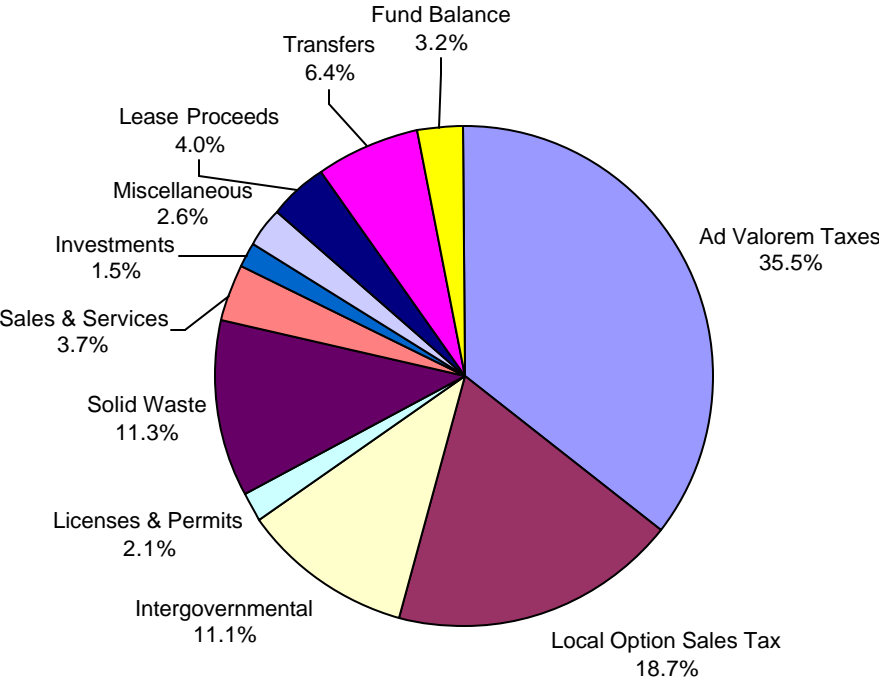
Description	# of Positions
FY 2006-2007 Budget	914
New Positions	
Neighborhood Coordinator	1
Police Cadet	6
Public Works—Annexation	7
Historic Preservation Planner	1
Electric Line Worker Apprentice	1
FY 2007-2008 Adopted	930

Capital Outlay

The proposed budget includes funding for replacement motor vehicles, purchasing necessary capital equipment,

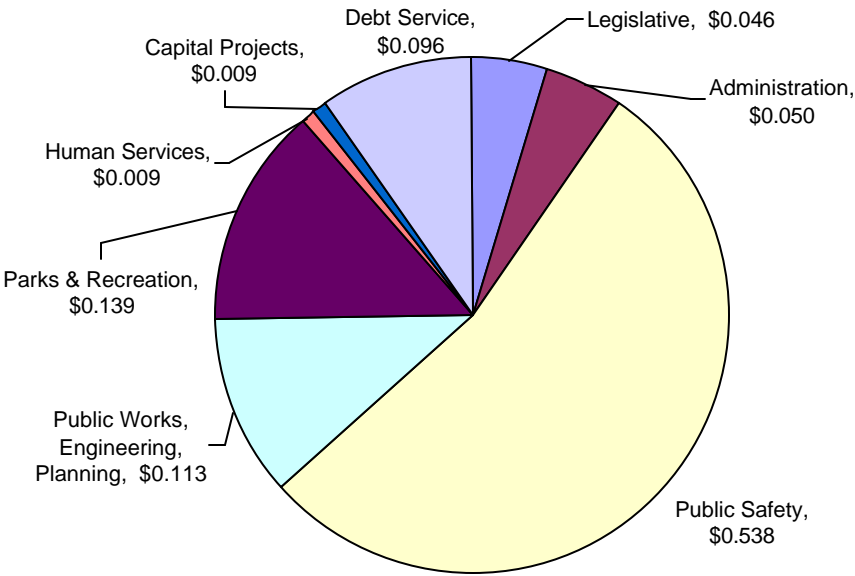
Category	FY 2007-2008 Adopted
Motor Vehicles	\$1,982,000
Equipment	\$3,867,920
Roadways & Sidewalks	\$1,281,000
CIP Projects	\$8,632,000
FY 2007-2008 Proposed	\$14,481,920

General Fund Revenues

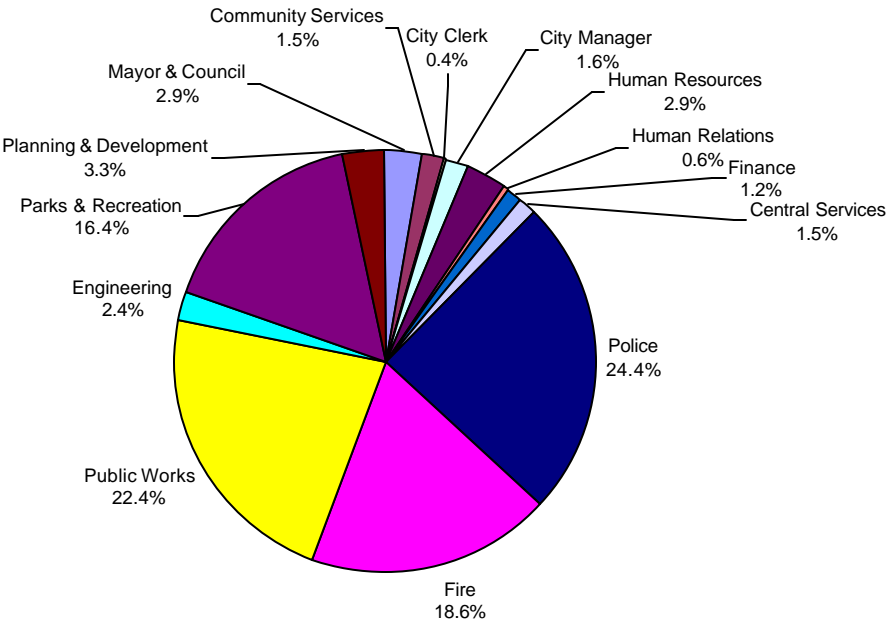


Distribution of \$1 of General Tax Revenue

Taxes comprise about half of General Fund and General Capital Fund revenues. The chart below shows how taxes are used to provide essential public services, not including fees and other revenue sources generated by departments.



General Fund Expenditures by Department



Public Utility Expenditures

